

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT
FOR MODIFICATION OF A LAND TREATMENT PERMIT UNDER
THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: American Crystal Sugar Company (Hillsboro Plant) – Permit 0346

APPLICANT: American Crystal Sugar Company, 101 North 3rd Street, Moorhead, MN 56560

BACKGROUND:

On January 21, 2010, the Department received a permit modification application, prepared by Wenck Associates, Inc., to add an additional mud solids remediation field (land treatment unit) called Field 6 and to add land treatment of anaerobic digester sludge to American Crystal Sugar Permit 0346.

The Department has reviewed the permit application regarding the land treatment field site (Field 6) which is approximately 225 acres in the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 146N, Range 50W and the N1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 146N, Range 50W in Traill County. The field is near the plant north of Hillsboro.

The proposed site is located directly south of Field 5 which was permitted in October 2009. The site utilizes the natural drainage of the field itself. The field will be graded in order for water to be drained off the field easier. To prevent the field from flooding, the field is surrounded by berms which are two (2) feet above the 100-year floodplain.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to American Crystal Sugar Company and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. During that period any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The North Dakota Department of Health will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions, and written communication should be directed to:

Scott A. Radig, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Health
Division of Waste Management
918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947

The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Waste Management, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: <http://www.ndhealth.gov>

Anyone requiring special access or accommodations to review the Draft Permit may contact the Department at 701-328-5166.